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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

I believe the proposed settlement with Microsoft is fair and appropriate. The status has been in limbo long enough and the industry has been damaged enough by the uncertainty of the outcome. President Bush has advocated a quick resolve to this in the interest of the U.S. economy as a whole, and I personally agree with him since I, along with all the other stockholders of tech stocks, have lost a lot of my retirement savings during the time it has taken to stabilize the market with a just resolution. Please do not delay any further to accept the agreement reached by Microsoft, the Department of Justice, and nine states, which in my opinion is tough but fair to all parties. I need to regain confidence in the American economy and in my investment portfolio.

Sincerely, Marie Allen Smith, Ed. D.
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